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WESTERN TRANSFER TO RETURN FWS MAN TO HOME STATE

Leo K. Couch, a veteran employee of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, has transferred to new duties in the far west, according to a recent announcement by Albert M. Day, Service Director.

In assuming new responsibilities in Portland, Oregon, Mr. Couch will be returning to his native state and the area from which he first entered on duty with the Fish and Wildlife Service -- at that time the Bureau of Biological Survey.

Following service with the Army in World War I, and graduation from Oregon State College, Mr. Couch received his first assignment in 1919 to conduct rodent control investigations in the State of Washington. In the same area he later served as a liaison officer to the Forest Service in work on the wildlife of Federal forests.

In August 1936 he reported to the departmental office of the Fish and Wildlife Service at Washington, D. C. and was active at that time in the formation of the program for Cooperative Wildlife Research Units, an activity which now includes 14 states.

In June 1939 he was appointed to the position of Assistant Chief of the Branch of Wildlife Research, a position he held until his recent transfer.

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